

## Timely Tidbits ...

### Gold-buying Party Benefits Animal Shelter

A percentage of the proceeds from an upcoming gold-buying party will be donated to the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund, according to City Councilman Bill Wadsworth. The event will be held at the LaQuinta Inn & Suites in Romulus the weekend of September 12–14. For further details, see the advertisement on page 7.

### Blood Drive Set

In remembrance of the seventh anniversary of 9/11, the City of Romulus will participate in a "Battle of the Badges" Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, September 11. The drive will be held at the Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins Street) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Participants will have the opportunity to make their donation on behalf of either the Police Department or the Fire Department.

To do your part for this worthy cause, call 734-955-4501 and make an appointment.

### Adult Ed Says It's Never Too Late To Graduate!

Romulus Adult Education is now accepting registrations for its certified nurse assistant, high-school completion, and GED preparation classes. Anyone who is 18 or older, and who has not yet earned a diploma, is eligible for free Adult Education classes. (All Adult Ed students must pay a \$10 registration fee per semester.)

For more information, stop in at the Adult Education office (located in the Mt. Pleasant Lifelong Learning Center on Hannan Road in Romulus) or call 734-532-1956.

### Alternative Schools Offer Students a Choice

Romulus Community Middle and Community High offer traditional learning in a nontraditional setting for children who are experiencing low self-esteem, difficulty learning, poor grades, and low attendance. To learn more about improving your child's chances for a successful education, call 734-532-1953. □

## Parade of Lights, Pumpkin Fest Promise Fall Fun for All

Both residents and visitors from other communities are invited to attend the 12th Annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival, which will be held in the city's downtown district (along Goddard Road between Hunt and Romaine streets) from September 19–21.

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On Friday, the festival will kick off with the 10th Annual "Parade of Lights" – a shimmering spectacle that will depart from the City Hall parking lot (corner of Wayne and Goddard roads) at 8 p.m., then wind down Bibbins to Gabriel, north to Goddard, west along Goddard to the Romulus Wesleyan Church parking lot, and across to the Romulus Progressive Club. Last year's parade was an enormous success enjoyed by thousands of onlookers, and this year's event promises to be bigger and *brighter* than ever!

According to the Romulus Rotary Club, which sponsors the parade, prizes will be awarded to the top three entries in each of three categories:

- commercial
- noncommercial
- nonmotorized

Voting for the 2008 winners will be the same as last year. Beginning on Saturday morning, photographs of each entry will be displayed at the Rotary's festival booth, and interested individuals will be able to cast their ballots for their favorites. Voting will end at 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon, and winners will be announced at the main stage at 4 p.m.

New this year will be a Rotary Club food drive that will kick off with the parade. Nonperishable food items may be brought to the parade route, where they will be picked up by Rotarians and other volunteers, or they can be dropped off at the Rotary's booth throughout the weekend.

For more information (including parade rules), or to download a parade entry form, visit [www.romulusrotary.org](http://www.romulusrotary.org). The deadline for registration is Thursday, September 18.

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The remainder of the weekend will feature entertainment, games, contests, hayrides, craft exhibits, and other street-fair attractions – and, of course, pumpkins. You won't want to miss a minute of fabulous, family-oriented fun!

The following is a *tentative* schedule of events for the Romulus Pumpkin Festival; schedule is subject to change. For further details, including contest rules and a copy of the City's "special events" ordinance, pick up a festival booklet, which will soon be available at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road).



The 12th annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival will feature entertainment, games, contests, craft exhibits, and other street attractions ... and, of course, pumpkins.

### FAMILY FUN DAY

This year, the City is extending festival fun with some pre-weekend "Family Day" events at the Senior Center (36525 Bibbins) on Tuesday, September 16. They include:

- **Pumpkin-decorating Contest Features "Scary Nights" Theme** (Carve or paint a pumpkin, then drop it off at the Senior Center between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Prizes will be awarded.)
- **Bunco Night** (6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; admission – \$5 donation)
- **Euchre/Bid Whist Night** (7 to 9:30 p.m.; admission – \$8 donation)
- **Family Fun Night** (fun, games, prizes, and refreshments from 6 to 9 p.m.; admission – \$2 donation; benefits the Romulus Historical Society)

Preregistration is required for all events. For more information, call the Pumpkin Festival Hotline (734-955-4577).

### CONTESTS

One of the highlights of most fall festivals is a celebration of nature's bounty, and the Romulus Pumpkin Festival is no exception. Baking and canning contests allow men and women to show off their skills in domestic arts that are regaining popularity, and pumpkin- and sunflower-growing contests bring out the backyard gardener in many.

All entries must be brought to the Romulus Recreation Building (11189 Shook) by 4 p.m. Friday. Winners will be announced at the Hospitality Tent on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 734-941-8665.

This year's contest divisions will be:

- **Canning** (tomatoes, green beans, pickles, and fruit)
- **Pie Baking** (pumpkin, sweet potato, apple, and peach)
- **Pumpkin Growing** (largest)
- **Sunflower Growing** (single-blossom only; largest face and tallest)

There is no charge to participate.

### YOUTH & ADULT COMPETITIONS

Other youth and adult competitions that promise to provide some good, old-fashioned fun include *Punkin' Chuckin'*, a pumpkin-throwing contest that's new to the festival lineup. The Punkin' Chuckin' event will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday on Olive between Bibbins and Grant.

Other contests include the following traditional favorites:

- **Pumpkin Rolling** (Saturday at 12:30 p.m.)
- **Sack Races** (Saturday at 1:30 p.m.)
- **Treasure Hunt** (Saturday at 2:30 p.m.)
- **Giant Airplane Races** (Sunday at 12:30 p.m.)
- **Marshmallow Races** (Sunday at 1:30 p.m.)
- **Pie Eating** (Sunday at 2:30 p.m.)

All will be held at Romulus Historical Park (Goddard and Hunt). There is no charge to participate.

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Bands performing at the Romulus Pumpkin Festival will include:

- **Second Wind** (rock) – Friday, 6 p.m.
- **Trilogy** (Top 40) – Friday, 9 p.m.

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## Pumpkin Festival Is Fun For All Ages

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- **Fiddlers ReStrung** (Celtic, bluegrass, and American folk) – Saturday, 1:30 p.m.
- **Starfire** (rock) – Saturday, 3 p.m.
- **Aces & Eights** (rock covers) – Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
- **Groove Essential** (old-school funk) – Saturday, 6 p.m.
- **Loose Dogs Bite** (Top 40) – Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
- **Channel Six** (Top 40) – Saturday, 9 p.m.
- **ChillFX** (jazz) – Sunday, 3 p.m.
- **Waco** (country) – Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

Other entertainment will include spiritual/inspirational performances (Saturday, 12:30 p.m.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; and Sunday, 1:30 p.m.), as well as demonstrations of karate (Saturday, 11 a.m.) and dance (Saturday, 12 p.m., and Sunday, 11:30 a.m.).

### BINGO BENEFITS ANIMAL SHELTER

The Friends of the Romulus Animal Shelter's 50/50 Bingo Benefit is back again to raise money for the construction of a new facility for our favorite furry friends.

Play bingo at the Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins) on Friday from 5 p.m. to 12 a.m., Saturday from 1 p.m. to 12 a.m., and Sunday from 12 to 7 p.m.

Romulus City Councilman Bill Wadsworth is asking local animal lovers to help staff the event. To volunteer, give him a call at 734-941-0616, or contact Joe Ozog at 941-3466.

### CRAFTS

Numerous booths featuring beautiful handmade crafts will be found along the streets throughout the festival. To download an application for booth space, visit [www.romulusgov.com](http://www.romulusgov.com).

Craft items will also be sold at the Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins) on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. To purchase table space (\$30 for two days), call the Center at 734-955-4120.

### WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Since St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Neville at Ozga) is no longer holding a fall festival of its own, it will hold its White Elephant Sale in conjunction with the Pumpkin Festival from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

### USED BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Romulus Public Library's semiannual Used Book Sale will feature real bargains. On Saturday, shoppers will find adult hardcovers for \$1.50, adult paperbacks for \$.50 to \$1, children's hardcovers for \$.50, children's paperbacks for \$.25, and DVDs/videos/CDs/records for \$1.

Sunday, aka "Bag Day," will feature even bigger deals. Shoppers can fill a sack with books for just \$2.25.

The event will be held at Goddard and Olive from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

### OTHER ATTRACTIONS

- **Second Annual Tractor/Lawn Tractor Show** (Goddard and Hunt; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine)

- **Cruisin' 2008 Car Show** (Goddard and Hunt; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; to enter, call 734-941-1727)
- **Roller Hockey Tournament** for five-person teams – sponsored by the Romulus Wesleyan Church (Elmer Johnson Park, Ozga south of Wick; Saturday, 11 a.m.)
- **3-on-3 Basketball** (Mary Ann Banks Park, Goddard at Five Points; Saturday, 10 a.m.)

### HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

The City of Romulus, the Romulus Historical Commission, and the Romulus Historical Society will co-sponsor the following free events in Historical Park (Hunt Street south of Goddard):

- **Golden Griffon Stringtet** (dulcimer/guitar group will perform Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m.)
- **Children's Games** on the lawn (Saturday, time to be announced; watch for more information in the September 5 issue of *the little paper*)
- **Tours of Historic Samuel R. Kingsley house** (Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m.; guides available to answer questions about features such as secret trap doors; souvenirs available)
- **Historical Museum Open** (Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m.; exhibits of Civil War diaries, Charlie Lau baseball cards, antique purses, and Romulus's first ballot box featured)

### FABULOUS FOOD

- **Pancake Breakfast** (7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins; hosted by Boy Scouts Troop #872)
- **Chicken Dinner** (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Progressive Hall, Ozga at Five Points)
- **Spaghetti Dinner** – Children under 5 eat free! (4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Community United Methodist Church, Olive and Bibbins)
- **Steak Dinner** (Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. or while supplies last at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Neville and Ozga)
- **Concession Fare** – Of course, there will also be plenty of traditional carnival fare like hot dogs, pizza, cotton candy, soda, and more. ☐

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## Taylor-Habitat Partnership Established



A proclamation supporting the partnership between the Taylor Cares Program and Habitat for Humanity-Western Wayne County was presented to Alice Dent (fifth from left) by Taylor elected officials, including: (from left) Councilman Butch Ramik, Council Chairwoman Pro-tem Jill Brandana, Mayor Cameron G. Priebe, Councilwoman Jacklyn Molner, City Clerk Mary Ann Riley, Councilman Rick Sollars, City Treasurer Wayne Avery, Councilwoman Suzanne Weycker, Council Chairman Douglas A. Geiss, and Councilman Jeff Lamarand.

The City of Taylor and Habitat for Humanity are partnering in a program that will provide homes to two families in the city. The homes, located in the 6600 block of Buck and the 5900 block of Wilkie, are being sold by the Taylor Cares Program to Habitat for Humanity-Western Wayne County for administrative costs.

Habitat will use volunteers to make the homes livable, then place two qualified families into the homes.

Taylor Cares is the name of a program that the city embarked upon in September 2007. Through the program, the City purchases homes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$1. Typically, the program refurbishes the homes and sells them to qualified low- to moderate-income first-time home-buyers. To date, Taylor Cares has purchased 38 homes, has sold seven, and is in the process of refurbishing others using qualified local contractors.

Taylor Mayor Cameron G. Priebe said the partnership with Habitat is a win-win for the city. He said the transaction will make homeowners out of two families, will fill two previously vacant homes, will rehabilitate the dwellings, and will put the homes back on the tax rolls.

Alice Dent, executive director of Habitat for Humanity-Western Wayne County, said Habitat has built more than 225,000 houses, sheltering more than a million people in 3,000 communities in 100 countries. Founded as a Christian organization, Habitat welcomes volunteers from all walks of life. Homeowners contribute sweat equity and a down payment in exchange for a 20-year, 0% mortgage.

Dent said Superior Staffing Innovations and J.P. Properties are the sources for funds used to purchase the homes from Taylor Cares.

"The Taylor properties will be the first rehab projects for Habitat for Humanity-Western Wayne County," Dent said. "Rehabbing homes versus building from the ground up will help us to increase our capacity while getting partner families in homes faster."

Habitat built a home in Taylor in 2003.

"We are interested in building communities," Dent said. "We approached Taylor because we wanted to position more families in Taylor to build a community of partner families. Taylor is a wonderful community and we were blessed that it had homes consistent with the type that we build. The Taylor Cares Program is a wonderful program."

Like Taylor Cares, Habitat is interested in placing individuals in homes.

"Habitat for Humanity is honored to partner with the City of Taylor to make a significant impact on the community and in the lives of low-income families that are in need of affordable housing," Dent said. "These abandoned homes will soon have children playing in the yards, flowers blooming, grass cut, taxpaying citizens, and, more importantly, changed lives."

Dent said families are lined up to move into the homes and assume mortgages. Both are single mothers with three children. One family currently resides in Romulus; the other resides in Garden City. She said the plan is to move the families into the homes as soon as they are finished, contingent on the partner family completing the sweat equity requirement.

"The families are currently working on sweat equity on homes we are currently building in the City of Inkster on Dunning Street" she said. "One of the criteria to qualify for our program is that each adult partner family member is required to contribute 250 sweat equity hours. Of these hours, 100 must be completed on their home."

Dent said Habitat for Humanity is thankful to the city and its other partners.

"We are grateful to Mayor Cameron Priebe and the City Council and particularly Jon Belanger and Debbie Knight (of the Taylor Cares Program) for nurturing this process and assisting with the acquisition of the homes on Wilkie and Buck streets," she said. "We are also grateful to Superior Staffing Innovations and J.P. Properties for donating the funds for us to purchase these homes."

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## Curacao Defeats Hawaii To Win the Taylor-based Junior League World Series



Curacao pitcher Alexander Rodriguez helped his own cause by hitting the winning three-run homer in the championship game. Photo by Dave Gorgon

Alexander Rodriguez stroked a three-run home run in the bottom of the fifth inning to give Willemstad, Curacao, a 5-2 victory over Hilo, Hawaii, in the championship game of the Junior League World Series, which was played on August 16 in Taylor, Michigan.

Curacao, the Latin America champion, became the first team from the Netherlands Antilles and the first team from the Caribbean to win the world championship for 13- and 14-year-olds.

The Junior League World Series was founded in Taylor in 1981, and has been played at Heritage Park ever since. The Pabao Little League of Willemstad was 6-0 during its first appearance in the weeklong tournament, which attracts regional and national champions from all over the world.

Rodriguez's blow over the center field fence scored Darren Seferina and Sherman LaCrus, and broke a 2-2 tie. It was his third home run of the series and the second homer of the game for the all-stars from Willemstad. In the second inning, LaCrus smashed a home run to left field with Shurensley Daantji on base to give Curacao a 2-1 lead over Hawaii. It was LaCrus's fifth home run, and gave him 13 runs batted in and a slugging percentage of 1.600. All three totals led the 2008 World Series.

Rodriguez, who is 14, also was the winning pitcher for the second time of the series. He gave up two runs and four hits, walking two and striking out five in 5<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings. He was removed in the sixth due to a Little League pitch-count rule that limits pitchers to 95 pitches. Ezequiel Garcia pitched one-hit ball the rest of the way.

"It feels good," Rodriguez said as his team celebrated. "I'm proud."

Hawaii went up 1-0 in the first inning when Ridge Hoopie-Haslam singled, stole second, and scored when Jayce Carvalho was safe at first on an infield error.

After Curacao went in front on LaCrus's home run, Hawaii tied the score

in the top of the third when Kean Wong was safe on a fielder's choice, moved to second on a groundout, and scored on a single by Taylor Goo.

The score remain knotted at 2-2 until the bottom of the fifth, when Seferina and LaCrus walked, and Rodriguez followed with his homer.

Curacao players were used to playing in the spotlight. Five of the current players were part of the 2005 Curacao team that won the Caribbean championship and finished second to Ewa Beach, Hawaii, in the Little League World Series for 12-year-olds in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The next year, nine current players were in the 2006 Little League series that went 1-2 in Williamsport.

Johannes Gregorius, who was Curacao's manager for the first time this season, said the experience in the Little League series helped, but the fact that the players were well prepared for the Junior League series was more important.

"For me, this was a great thing, and it was a great thing for the players," Gregorius said. "It was very exciting."

Gregorius had to rely on his coaches, Norwin Moesqu and Rodney Carolina, to run the team in the International championship victory over the national champions of Mexico from Boca Del Rio, Veracruz, on Friday and again in the World Series finale. Gregorius was suspended by the Little League Baseball and Softball Tournament Committee, based in Williamsport, for using an ineligible pitcher in Curacao's victory over the Philippines on Thursday.

Gregorius said the suspension did not diminish the team's accomplishment.

"I told my players I did something wrong," he said. "If they punish me for it, do it (win the World Series) for me and do it for yourselves. Our coaches did a good job, too."

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All events are subject to change without notice.

## Belleville

### Chamber's Annual Golf Outing

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will host its annual golf outing on Friday, September 5, at the Eagle Crest Golf Club (1275 South Huron Street, Ypsilanti).

For information, call 734-697-7151.

### Friends of the Library

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held at the Fred C. Fischer Library (167 4th Street) on Saturday, September 6, at 9:30 a.m.

For information, call 734-699-3291.

### Farmer's Market

Farmer's Market – held at Victory Park (Five Points intersection in downtown Belleville) – is open each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For information, call 734-697-9323.

## Brownstown Township

### Waterfowl Fest & Duck Hunters Tourney

The Pointe Mouillee Waterfowl Festival & Michigan Duck Hunters Tournament to be held at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area the weekend of September 20–21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – will feature a trading post, demonstrations, art shows, contests, kids' activities, and more.

Visit [www.miwaterfowlfest.org/events/](http://www.miwaterfowlfest.org/events/) for information.

## Huron Township

### Nursery Accepting Applications for Fall

Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery (located in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig Street) is accepting applications for ages 30 months to 5 years.

The school's curriculum promotes social development and kindergarten readiness through activities such as art, music, exercise, field trips, and much more.

There is also a tots program for ages 18 months to 2 years.

Because parents help run the nonprofit, nondiscriminatory organization, spokespersons say tuition costs are very reasonable.

Call Becki Graybeal (734-941-3926) for information.

### Church Welcomes New Faces

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street) invites the public to the following weekly services/programs.

- Adult Bible Class (Sundays at 9 a.m.; Wednesdays at 10 a.m.)
- Sunday School (9 a.m.)

- Sunday Worship (10 a.m.; deaf-interpretation service on the second Sunday of each month)
  - Wednesday Worship (7 p.m.)
- For information, call 734-753-9048.

## Romulus

### Free Outdoor Concert/Movie Series

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation will wrap up its series of free Friday concerts and Saturday movies this weekend with Straight Ahead performing R&B/Jazz from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on August 22, and a showing of *Mr. Magorium's Emporium* at 9:30 p.m. on August 23.

Both events will be held at Romulus Historical Park (Hunt Street near the post office downtown). Bring blankets and chairs. Concessions and "inflatables" will be available.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

### Men's Sunday Softball League

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation is now forming a Men's Sunday Softball (USSSA "D") League for play at Elmer Johnson Park (9755 Ozga).

A \$50 deposit will hold your team's spot until the registration deadline (Monday, August 25), when the remainder of the \$350 per-team fee must be paid in full. The amount covers a 12-game schedule (all doubleheaders), umpire fees, playoff tournaments, and awards. An unlimited number of residents and nonresidents are allowed.

A managers' meeting will be held at the Parks and Recreation Department on Tuesday, September 2, at 5 p.m.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

### Second Monday Book Club

Meetings of the Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required for this free program; just read the suggested book, then drop in and enjoy the discussion and refreshments.

Books planned for discussion include:

- *Land of the Morning Calm* by Harry Bryce – featuring a visit with the author (September 8),
- *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon (October 13), and
- *A River Runs Through It* by Norman Maclean (November 10).

For information, call 734-942-7589.

### Youth Group Swim Night

The Romulus Athletic Center (35765 Northline Road) will hold a Youth Group Swim Night from 9 p.m. to midnight on Friday, September 12.

Cost is \$8 per person.

For information, call 734-942-2223.

### Hypnotherapy for Weight Loss

One-day hypnotherapy sessions for

weight reduction will be held at the Romulus Recreation Building (11189 Shook Road) from noon to 1:30 p.m. on the following Saturdays: September 13, October 18, and November 22.

Cost per session is \$25 for residents and nonresidents. Deadlines for registration are September 11, October 16, and November 20, respectively.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

### Historical Society Meets

The next meeting of the Romulus Historical Society will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, at the Romulus Historical Museum (11120 Hunt Street).

For information, call 734-697-9628.

### Fall Story Time

Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to take part in the Romulus Public Library's Fall Story Time program. Parents may choose between morning (10:30 a.m. each Wednesday from September 24 through October 29) or evening (6:30 p.m. each Tuesday from September 23 through October 28) sessions, which will be held at the library (11121 Wayne Road).

Although the program is free, space is limited, so preregistration is required.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

### Scrapbooking Adventures

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation's next Scrapbooking Adventure program – open to ages 16 and up – will be held at 11189 Shook Road on Saturday, September 27, from 12 to 9 p.m.

A cost of \$20 per event covers at least three feet of crop space; dinner, snacks, and water; and a door-prize drawing. Scrapbooking supplies will be available for purchase from a vendor. Space is limited; pre-register at the Romulus Athletic Center (35765 Northline Road) by September 26.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

### Daddy/Daughter Dance

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its annual Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Dance from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, in the cafeteria at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road).

Tickets for this immensely popular event must be purchased in advance.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

### Children's Craft Programs

Youngsters are invited to sign up for one or more of the following one-day craft programs, which will be offered by the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

- **Halloween** (October 25),
- **Thanksgiving** (November 15), and
- **Christmas Tree Trim** (December 6).

Although there is no charge to participate, advance registration is requested.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

### Free Museum, Historic House Tours

The Romulus Historical Museum and the historic Samuel L. Kingsley home – located on Hunt Street near the post office – are open to the public each Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

For information, call 734-697-9628.

## Taylor

### Computer/Peripherals Waste Collection

The Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a computer/computer peripherals waste collection from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, at Taylor Lanes (24800 Eureka). Only the following items will be accepted: CPUs, computer monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, copiers, fax machines, and cell phones.

Unacceptable items include boxes, manuals, and software.

For information, call 734-326-3936.

### "Youth Theater" Auditions

Youths age 6 to 19 years are invited to audition for "A Holiday to Remember" – a musical planned for mid December.

Auditions will be held August 26–28, 7 to 9:30 p.m., at the Taylor Activity Building in Heritage Park (12111 Pardee Road).

Those who would like to try out should be prepared to learn a short dance and sing a solo of his/her choice. Bring either a karaoke CD or sheet music; no a cappella singing will be permitted.

Once cast, youths 13 and under will rehearse mainly on Saturdays, while older teens will do so during weekday evenings. The two groups will begin working together near the end of the rehearsal schedule.

A sample CD is now available at the Taylor Parks and Recreation Building (22805 Goddard Road).

For information, call 734-374-3906.

### Taylor Center High School Reunion

Alumni from Taylor Center's 1989, 1990, 1991, and 1992 are organizing a joint class reunion at the MotorCity Hotel and Casino in Downtown Detroit.

Tickets for the event – set for 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 27 – are \$75 each.

Visit [TaylorAlumni.org](http://TaylorAlumni.org) for information.

## Elsewhere

### Laurel & Hardy Fan Club

The next meeting of Sons of the Desert, a Laurel & Hardy Fan Club, will be held on Thursday, September 18, at Mama Mia's Restaurant (27770 Plymouth Road, west of Inkster). Enter the banquet door; parking is available across the street in the west lot.

Dinner will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a movie at 7:30 p.m.

For information, contact Frank Spunar at 734-955-2487. □



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## Stories of Faith



Local youths attending the Romulus Wesleyan Church's Vacation Bible School program earlier this month had lots of fun while learning important lessons.



Many ministers from Romulus and the surrounding areas gathered at First Baptist Church in Romulus to pay tribute at the ordination of Reverend Clarence Love.



Pastor Arthur C. Wilson of the International Church addressed the crowd at the groundbreaking for their new church building on Eureka (east of Middlebelt next to Fire Station #4). Elected officials attending the event were: (front, from left) Romulus Community Schools Board of Education Trustee Sandra Crout (unseen behind Wilson), Romulus City Councilman Harry Crout, Councilman John Barden and his wife Janice, Axiom Protection Group owner Diane Banks, Mayor Alan R. Lambert, and Council Chairman Randolph Gear.

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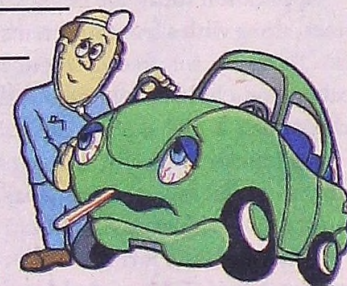
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# District Announces Policy for Free and Reduced-price Meals

## INCOME SCALE FOR FREE MEALS/FREE MILK

Total Family Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$13,520	\$1,127	\$ 564	\$ 520	\$260
2	\$18,200	\$1,517	\$ 759	\$ 700	\$350
3	\$22,880	\$1,907	\$ 954	\$ 880	\$440
4	\$27,560	\$2,297	\$1,149	\$1,060	\$530
5	\$32,240	\$2,687	\$1,344	\$1,240	\$620
6	\$36,920	\$3,077	\$1,539	\$1,420	\$710
7	\$41,600	\$3,467	\$1,734	\$1,600	\$800
8	\$46,280	\$3,857	\$1,929	\$1,780	\$890
*	\$ 4,680	\$ 390	\$ 195	\$ 180	\$ 90

\*For each additional household member, add this amount.

## INCOME SCALE FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Total Family Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$19,240	\$1,604	\$ 802	\$ 740	\$ 370
2	\$25,900	\$2,159	\$1,080	\$ 997	\$ 499
3	\$32,560	\$2,714	\$1,357	\$1,253	\$ 627
4	\$39,220	\$3,269	\$1,635	\$1,509	\$ 755
5	\$45,880	\$3,824	\$1,912	\$1,765	\$ 883
6	\$52,540	\$4,379	\$2,190	\$2,021	\$1,011
7	\$59,200	\$4,934	\$2,467	\$2,277	\$1,139
8	\$65,860	\$5,489	\$2,745	\$2,534	\$1,267
*	\$ 6,660	\$ 555	\$ 278	\$ 257	\$129

\*For each additional household member, add this amount.

The Romulus Community Schools has announced its policy for free and reduced-price school meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program.

The charts above identify the household size and income criteria that will be used for determining eligibility for the program. Children from households with income at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

Application forms are being sent to all homes, along with a letter to parents/guardians. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, a household should fill out the form and return it to the appropriate school.

Additional copies of the application form are available at the principal's office in each school. Households should answer all questions on the form.

### Non-Food Stamp Households

An application that does not contain all of the following information cannot be processed by the school:

- the total income, by source (such as wages, child support, etc.), for each household member;
- the names of all household members;
- the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application; and
- the signature of a household member.

### Food Stamp/FIP/FDPIR Households

If you currently receive Food Stamps, Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits for your child, all you have to list is your child's name and Food Stamp or FIP/FDPIR case number, and sign the application.

The information provided by a household is confidential, and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility, verifying data, or qualifying children for other Federal and State programs, as authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture. The school or other officials may verify applications at any time during the school year.

Households may apply for benefits any time during the school year. If a household is not currently eligible, but then has a decrease in household income or an increase in household size, or if a household member becomes unemployed, the household should fill out an application at that time.

In most cases, *foster children* are eligible for these benefits regardless of their household's income. If a household has foster children among its members, and wishes to apply for free or reduced-price meals for them, the household should contact the school for more information.

Under the provisions of the policy, Sherri Papazoglou (36540 Grant Rd., Romulus, MI 48174; 734-532-1600) will review the applications and determine eligibility.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. The household also has the right to a fair hearing. This can be arranged by writing or calling the following official: Sherri Papazoglou, 36540 Grant

Rd., Romulus, MI 48174; 734-532-1600.

Each school and the District Administration Building have a copy of the complete policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

### Reapply

You may apply for meal benefits at any time during the school year. If you lose your job, if your income decreases, if your family size increases, or if you begin receiving Food Stamps or FIP/FDPIR benefits, fill out an application at that time.

Note that, in accordance with Federal law and US Department of Agriculture policy, discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability is prohibited. To file a complaint of discrimination, write the USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call 800-795-3272 or 202-720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal-opportunity provider and employer.

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## Curacao Wins Junior League World Series



The championship Curacao team celebrated its victory. Photo by Dave Gorgon

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Hawaiian players were disappointed after the loss. It was the fifth straight time a team from Hawaii played in the World Series in Taylor. Last year, Pearl City won the world championship.

"When the last out occurred, the whole team just shut down," Carvalho said. "Nothing in the world will make us better. We just have to use it as positive motivation to go for something more."

"It was a good run. We worked hard just to come here. We just fell short. We were one game away. We represented the state of Hawaii well. I will always love this team no matter what. We're brothers on this team. I love my brothers."

Hoopie-Haslam, who hit .333 during the series, said he has not experienced losing while playing for Manager Kaha Wong, and finishing runner-up was difficult for him. He said the players worked hard to win the Hawaii state championship, USA Western regional title, and USA championship Friday night in a come-from-behind 6-5 victory over Johnston, Iowa.

"Things can't go our way every time," he said. "We went a long way and had a good summer together. I hope the people in Hawaii are proud of our accomplishments."

During closing ceremonies of the World Series, Wong thanked the World Series volunteers and the City of Taylor, then made a vow to return to play again next year.

"Being United States champion and second in the world ain't too bad," he said. "A lot of other guys would like that. I've got eight guys coming back. We'll be back."

**Home Run Derby:** The World Series Home Run Derby, held Saturday afternoon, was won by Brent West of Mechanicsville, Virginia, who hit eight home runs. Tommy Jenkins of Canton, Massachusetts, was second with seven homers. Fabian Ojeda of

Mexico was third with five. Best Buy, the major sponsor of the Junior League World Series, presented the prizes to the top three finishers.

**Umpire of the Year:** Fred Runyan of Centennia, Colorado, was the recipient of the McAllister Umpire Award, given to the umpire who exemplifies the spirit of being a volunteer. The award is named for the late Chuck McAllister, umpire in chief of the World Series until his 1999 death.

Current Umpire in Chief George Glick said Runyan has umpired for 30 years in local leagues in his area and at the USA Southwestern regional tournament in Colorado. He has mentored his son as an umpire for seven years and other young umpires.

Runyan is an emergency medical technician and serves as an instructor of the American Red Cross, National Safety Council, and the American Heart Association. In his spare time, he is a Boy Scout leader, having received many awards for his service.

He and others are credited with talking their local community into donating green space to the local Little League. At that point, Runyan spent two weeks creating a proper playing surface, and installing dugouts and fencing.

"To this day, when he drives by, he knows he did something special for his kid and kids for the next 20 to 30 years," Glick said. "He truly makes a difference."

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#### USA Pool

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Johnston, Iowa (Central) 3-1  
Mechanicsville, Virginia (South) 2-2  
Canton, Massachusetts (East) 1-3  
Alvin, Texas (Southwest) 1-3

#### International Pool

Willemstad, Curacao (Latin America) 4-0  
Boca Del Rio, Veracruz (Mexico) 3-1  
Manila, Philippines (Asia-Pacific) 2-2  
Coquitlam, British Columbia (Canada) 1-3  
London, England (Europe/Middle East/Africa) 0-4

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**USA Championship Game**  
Hilo, Hawaii 6, Johnston, Iowa 5

**World Championship Game**  
Curacao 5, Hawaii 2 □

## Sassy Seniors

For more information about these or other programs, contact the appropriate senior center.

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#### Potluck & Games Night

The Brownstown Senior Center's next Potluck & Games Night is set for Monday, August 25, at 5 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and a \$.50 donation, or come without a dish and make a \$3 donation. (The Center provides a meat dish and beverages.)

Advance registration (at the Recreation desk) is required.

#### Shopping Trips

For a transportation cost of just \$1, Brownstown seniors can ride the Center's bus to shop at the following destinations:

- Meijer (11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2), and
- Kroger (11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 27).

Preregister at least 24 hours in advance.

#### Special Trips

Both residents and nonresidents are invited to take part in one of these trips.

- "Salute to Seniors - Flint" (Wednesday, September 3; \$50 cost includes transportation, a box lunch and plated dinner; live entertainment, admission to several vendors and museums, and shopping in the arts & crafts tents);
- **Resale Shopping** (Tuesday, September 23; \$55 cost includes transportation, lunch at Genitti's Hole in the Wall in Northville, and shopping at several resale shops); and
- "Flavors of Autumn" (Tuesday, September 30; \$52 cost includes transportation, a visit to the Great Harvest Bread Company, lunch at Stone Fire Bistro, and visits to Spicer's Market and Farm Market).

Call the Center for more information.

#### Regular Events

Regular programs offered by the Center include:

- euchre (Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- quilting (Wednesdays, 9 a.m.),
- exercise (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 a.m.; \$.25 donation/class).

### Romulus

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#### Senior Olympians Win Medals

Romulus senior citizens taking part in the annual Downriver Senior Olympics, held in Trenton the week of August 4-8, won a total of 16 medals: 5 gold, 5 silver, and 6 bronze.

The winners were:

- Sharon Beals (silver, bocce ball; and silver, bowling)
- Ruth Curley (bronze, euchre)
- Mickey Durham (bronze, football throw; bronze, horseshoes; bronze, shuffleboard; and bronze, softball throw)

- JoAnn Hewitt (gold, bowling; and silver, bocce ball)
- Eileen James (gold, bocce ball; and gold, darts)
- Karen Linebaugh (gold, pinochle)
- Katherine McCraight (gold, bocce ball; silver, darts; and silver, softball throw)
- Lawrence Mitton (bronze, ping-pong)

#### Crafters Wanted!

The Romulus Senior Center is looking for crafters who would like to sell their wares at the upcoming Pumpkin Festival, set for September 20-21. Cost for a table for two days is \$30. Sale hours will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Advance registration is required.

#### Senior Day at the State Fair

The Romulus Senior Center will travel to the Michigan State Fair on Senior Day (Monday, August 25), which features free gate admission for people 62 and over.

Preregister at the Center.

#### Regular Programs

Free or low-cost weekly programs offered at the Romulus Senior Center include:

- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- fun night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- game day (Thursdays, 1 p.m.), and
- walking club (Fridays, 1 p.m.).

### Taylor

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#### Volunteers Wanted

The Center needs volunteers to look after its pond a few hours each week. Please see Marsha if interested.

#### Tea Socials

Join old and new friends each Wednesday at 1 p.m. for snacks, board games, cards, or just to socialize. Maybe you'd like to bring your favorite cup or show off your "fancy cup and saucer." The friendly folks at the Center would love to see them! More importantly, they'd love to see YOU!

#### Drama Club Seeks New Members

The Prime Time Players Drama Club is looking for actors/actresses, costumers, and stagehands - no experience necessary! To learn more, stop in at their next meeting on Thursday, September 12, at 1:15 p.m.

#### Craft Day

On the first Thursday of each month, local seniors who have a craft project that they would like to finish can come to the Center and spend the day working on it in the company of like-minded friends - old and new!

#### Watercolor Workshop

A watercolor workshop will be offered at the Center each Thursday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 plus supplies (bring your own or buy from the teacher for \$1.50 per week).

#### Blood Pressure Check

Stop in at the Center for a free blood pressure check between 8:30 and 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 26. □

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## Nearly 300 Attend Western-themed "Family and Friends Reunion" in New Boston



Nearly 300 guests attended a "Family and Friends Celebration" hosted by Alice Sheats and Jane Sautner of New Boston.

On August 2, 2008, Alice Sheats and her daughter, Jane Sautner, hosted their fifth annual Family and Friends Celebration at their home on Huron River Drive in New Boston, Michigan.

Attending the event were a total of 298 registered guests, many from the Detroit metropolitan area, but some from as far away as Indiana, Ohio, and Virginia.

Each year, Sautner chooses a new theme for her yard and barn decorations. This year's theme was "The Old Western Days." Inside the barn, a saloon was set up on one side, while the other half was rigged

to resemble a western town and field, complete with gunfighters, cowboys, horses, buffalo, a stagecoach, and more. Outside, costumed sheriffs, cowboys, and "saloon girls" greeted guests before a backdrop of straw bales and cornstalks, a hitching post, a "Boot Hill Cemetery" with mock tombstones, "wanted" posters, and a "jail" that children and adults enjoyed investigating.

Six large tents with tables and chairs were also decorated with a western theme.

Each guest brought a dish to pass, and a giant meal was served. The variety of food was tremendous, and no one left hungry.

Among the gathering's most popular attractions were live pony and horse rides, a covered-wagon ride, and a hayride. Guests also enjoyed apple-bobbing and "cow-pie-eating" contests, the latter of which was won by nine-year-old Jori Sheats of Fredericksburg, Virginia. A craft table was stocked with the makings for picture frames. Adults enjoyed the poker tournaments as much as the horseshoe tournaments. A local band, "Top Shelf Tuna," performed under the pavilion, which included a dance area where both young and old moved to the rhythms of classic rock. At dusk, there was a camp-

fire out back. Guests could roast a hot dog or two on the open fire, or just relax and enjoy the good company surrounding them.

As a remembrance of the event, each child was given a sheriff's badge and a draw-string bag with "gold" nuggets.

Many months of planning and preparation went into making this year's gathering such a grand event. Members of the 2008 reunion committee were Alice Sheats, Jane Sautner, Janet Nagy, Mickey Sheats, Mike Sheats, Mary Giese, Joann Manders, Sue and Heather Pollack, Art Sheats, Richard and Rose Czajka, Tim and Mary Czajka, Francis Poyle, Karen Orsareos, and Lisa O'Neil.

Sautner wished to thank the following for their contributions to the reunion:

- Top Shelf Tuna (check 'em out at [www.myspace.com/topshelftuna](http://www.myspace.com/topshelftuna)),
- Block's Stand & Greenhouse (cornstalks and straw bales),
- "Pony Time" (animal and wagon rides),
- Lou and Nancy Michalik (hayrides),
- Mike and Denise Garriott (tent, tables, and chairs),
- Mickey Sheats (vehicle parking), and
- Melvin Sheats (wood/campfire duty).

She also thanked all the family members and friends who found time in their busy schedules to come out and make the gathering such a big success.

"Remember," said Sautner, "today's moments are tomorrow's memories." □

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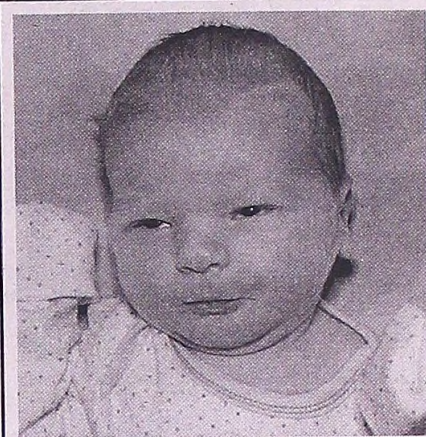
### Spencer Alan Black

Scott Black and Jenni Danville of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their first son, Spencer Alan Black.

Spencer was born in Oakwood Southshore Medical Center (Trenton, MI) at 6:06 a.m. on Friday, July 11, 2008, weighing in at 9 lbs., 11 oz., and measuring 21 in.

Especially excited about the new arrival was his big sister, Jada.

Also giving Spencer a warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, Henry and Betty Black (Romulus), and his maternal grandparents, Cliff and Wendy Danville (Trenton).



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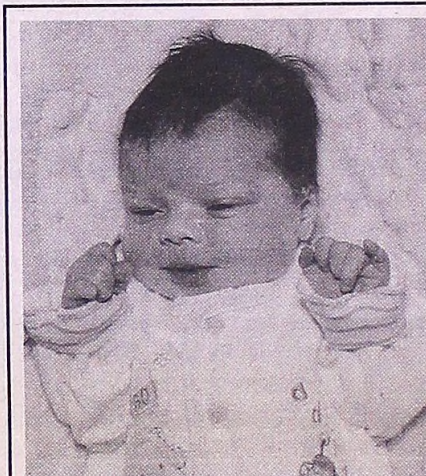
### Breydan Phillip Salyers

Proudly announcing the birth of their first son, Breydan Phillip Salyers, are Michael and Rachel Salyers of Romulus, Michigan.

Breydan was born in Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital at 11:55 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2008, weighing in at 7 lbs., 2 oz., and measuring 18.5 in.

Especially excited about the new arrival was his big sister, Kassidy Mae Salyers.

Also giving Breydan a warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, Rodney and Phyllis Salyers, and his maternal grandparents, Roger Sr. and Lydia Maynor (all of Romulus). □



Breydan Phillip Salyers

## Obituary

### Charles "Chuck" Wands, Jr.

Charles "Chuck" Wands, Jr., of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at the age of 84.

The son of the late Charles and Rhea Catherine (Miriam) Wands was born in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, on Wednesday, October 10, 1923.

Chuck was a family man and a wonderful jokester who loved making people laugh. A "hands-on" person who could repair just about everything, he also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and anything to do with animals and nature.

Surviving Chuck are his wife, Dolores M. (Kennedy) Wands; 2 sons, Gary T. Wands (Romulus) and Dennis J. (Janice) Wands (Jackson, MI); 2 daughters, Catherine (Charles) Hadyniak (Romulus) and Barbara (Raymond) Ryznar (New Boston, MI); 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and a half-sister, Dorothy Polcyn (Metamora, MI).

Among those who predeceased him were 2 brothers, Russell (1930) and Melvin (1994), and a half-brother, Douglas (1998).

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 22, at Crane Funeral

Home (Romulus), with Reverend William Kren (The Evangelical Church) officiating.

Cremation rites will be accorded, followed by interment in Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial tributes to the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund would be greatly appreciated by the family. □



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